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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: : Group Art Unit: 2154
: Examiner: Dustin Nguyen
Timothy A. Dietz et al. : Confirmation No. 5966
Serial No: 10/607,585 :
Filed: June 26, 2003 :
Title: IN A WORLD WIDE WEB :
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK :
SIMPLIFYING THE UNIFORM :
RESOURCE LOCATORS (URLs) : Customer No. 25,299
DISPLAYED IN ASSOCIATION WITH :
RECEIVED WEB DOCUMENTS :
Date: 11/10/08 :

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Dear sir:

REPLY BRIEF ON APPEAL

This is a Reply Brief to the Examiner's Answer mailed September 15, 2008.

In the Answer, the Examiner makes some newer statements with respect to Appellants' Argument in the Brief which Appellant takes issue with.

On pages 6-7 of the Answer, Examiner elaborates on his arguments that Anderson(US20032/0182449) specifically teaches the claimed element (common to all claims):

"apparatus in said service provider to convert the original URLs of said accessed Web documents to include a domain section specifying the service provider's domain and a path portion within said service provider's domain simpler and shorter than the original URL path portion;"

Examiner argues that bango server 8 in Anderson is a such a service provider. Appellants submit that bango server 8 does not convert the original URLs of Web documents being accessed to include a domain section specifying the service provider's domain and a path portion within said service provider's domain simpler and shorter than the original URL path portion;

It is an objective of both Anderson and the present invention is to simplify the inputting of complex URLs of documents being accessed by a user at a display station on the Web.

Even, if Examiner's best argument is applied, in both Anderson and the present invention, the user is enabled to to input a simplified URL in which there is a domain portion which specifies a server which in the present invention is the service provider.

However, in the present invention, apparatus in the service provider convert the original URLs. Anderson has no such teaching. Reference is made to page 13, line 22 through page 14, line 16 of the present specification

wherein there is described a function performed at the service provider wherein the service provider determines whether the original URL of a requested Web document is originally simple or too lengthy and/or complex. If the original URL of the requested document is determined to be simple, the service provider does not convert. If the original URL is determined to be lengthy or complex, the service provider converts the URL, (as described from page 11, line 26 through page 12, line 12 of the present specification) to include a domain section specifying the service provider's domain and a path portion within said service provider's domain simpler and shorter than the original URL path portion.

In Anderson, the user at the cell phone terminal 4, Fig. 1 (cited by Examiner) just enters an already converted address which Examiner argues includes the domain of bango server 8 and a simplified path to the Website 6. Even if this interpretation be conceded, all that is performed by bango server 8 is the Appellants' claimed apparatus in the service provider for reconverting the converted URLs back to the original URLs.

It must be emphasized that there is nothing in Examiner's citation of Anderson describing the conversion of a URL into the simplified URL, and certainly nothing teaching how such a conversion may be done at service provider.

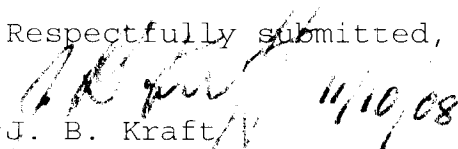
Appellants submit that because of the absence from Anderson's disclosure of this essential element of the claimed invention, Anderson fails as an anticipatory

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reference under 35 USC 102; it does not disclose every element of the independent claims without modification.

Accordingly, for the reasons set forth above and for the reasons set forth in the Brief on Appeal, the Board of Appeals is respectfully requested to reverse the Final Rejection under 35 USC 102(e), and find claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, and 21-23 in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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